

3250 (XXIX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund²⁰ and the section of the report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the Fund,²¹

Noting with approval the continuing efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund to help developing countries enlarge and improve basic services for their children,

Deeply concerned about the dangers of a further deterioration in the conditions of life for children in many developing countries, especially those most adversely affected by the current economic crisis,

Convinced that a substantial expansion of the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund would contribute significantly towards alleviating the plight of millions of children,

Recalling its resolution 3124 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to convene, during the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly, a special pledging conference for voluntary contributions to be made to the United Nations Children's Fund, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1880 (LVII) of 31 July 1974 on the Fund,

1. *Fully endorses* the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund entitled "Declaration of an emergency for children in developing countries as a result of the current economic crisis";²²

2. *Appeals*, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those of the industrialized countries, and other potential contributors to increase their contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund so that it may enlarge its assistance to children in developing countries and respond effectively to the emergency affecting them;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, to convene regular annual pledging conferences for the Fund starting in 1975.

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3251 (XXIX). Technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2974 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling further its resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the convening of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5528).*

²¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603), chap. VI, sect. B.6.*

²² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5528), para. 6.*

Conscious of the role that the United Nations Development Programme should play in the establishment of a new international economic order, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order²³ adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session, and of the contribution which technical co-operation among developing countries could make to the establishment of such a new economic order,

Aware of the need to give international development co-operation a truly universal character and to enhance the over-all efficiency and extend the dimension of the activities of the United Nations development system by making a systematic and comprehensive effort to pool and utilize the capacities, experiences and resources of the developing countries,

Convinced of the need to make the fullest use of the capacity and experience of all Member States, independent of their degree of development, in united action designed to accelerate the integral development of the developing countries, especially the relatively less developed among them,

Convinced further of the importance of ensuring the optimum impact of the multiplier effect of the assistance provided to developing countries, in particular the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme,

1. *Endorses* the final report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries²⁴ taking into account the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session,²⁵ and, accordingly, requests the Administrator of the Programme to take all appropriate measures for its implementation;

2. *Endorses* the establishment of a special unit within the United Nations Development Programme to promote technical co-operation among developing countries—principally through the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group—which should have the functions set forth in the appendix of the report of the Working Group, and with the objective of integrating this activity of technical co-operation among developing countries fully within the Programme;

3. *Invites* the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations development system to carry out the measures contained in the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group and to give their full support to Member States and to the United Nations Development Programme for the implementation, as appropriate, of those recommendations of the Working Group;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider at its twentieth session the scope of, and the financial and other necessary measures to convene at an early date, an intergovernmental symposium on technical co-operation among developing countries sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme, under the aegis of the United Nations, to be preceded by regional

²³ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

²⁴ DP/69, sect. II.

²⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1), para. 224.*

intergovernmental meetings, and to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Requests* the regional commissions to study and give priority attention to measures designed to implement the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the action taken regarding paragraphs 1 and 4 above and on the progress made with regard to the functioning of the special unit mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

7. *Requests* the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations development system and the regional commissions to report on the action taken, pursuant to the request contained in the present resolution, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, and to report periodically thereafter through the Governing Council at its January session—commencing in 1976—and the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, together with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to bring to the attention of Member States the report of the Working Group and to give wide publicity to the report through the Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information of the Secretariat, and to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session and the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme, the executing and participating agencies and the regional commissions, pursuant to the request contained in the present resolution, and to submit it to the Preparatory Committee of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation, to be held in 1975, for its consideration;

10. *Decides* to consider the question of technical co-operation among developing countries at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation and to include an item entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries" in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session.

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3252 (XXIX). Decentralization of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and subsequent decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the decentralization of Programme activities and the need to ensure that the United Nations

Development Programme continues to be a single, unified programme,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighteenth session²⁶ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its fifty-seventh session,²⁷

Recalling decision III of 20 June 1974 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session concerning regional and subregional co-operation aimed at the effective and efficient implementation of projects both at the national and regional levels,²⁸

Noting the statements of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme at the eighteenth session of the Governing Council of the Programme²⁹ and at the current session of the General Assembly³⁰ regarding the decentralization of the activities of the Programme in consonance with the principle of country programming and intercountry programming,

Noting further the views on decentralization of the operational procedures and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and the desire to speed up the implementation and delivery of country and regional programmes and projects that were expressed at sessions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly,

Recognizing the need to help provide administrative support from the field to the Administration of the United Nations Development Programme at Headquarters,

Bearing in mind the views of Member States, the statement of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the action taken on his note³¹ by the Governing Council of the Programme at its seventeenth session,³²

1. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session to consider, taking into account the report of the Administrator, the question of the decentralization of the activities of the Programme, in particular the establishment of regional field offices of the United Nations Development Programme, in liaison with the regional commissions, with a view to improving the programming, delivery, implementation and follow-up action of country programmes and regional and subregional projects;

2. *Decides* to take up this matter further at the thirtieth session in the context of its consideration of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

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²⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1).

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603)*, chap. VI, sect. B.2.

²⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1)*, para. 111.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 99-102.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Second Committee*, 1600th meeting, paras. 36-50.

³¹ DP/29/Add.1.

³² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5466)*, paras. 136-148.